



THE LONDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION LIMITED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held on Saturday 4 April at St Martin Le Grand

PRESENT

David Dawson	Bexley
Ray Hudson	Bexley
Terry Belcher	Bromley
Geoff Wright	Bromley
Juliet Brown	City of London Police
Brian Grisdale	Hillingdon
Jim Davidson	Hounslow
Jack Johnson	Newham
Lynne Troughton	Hackney
Lynn Wilson	Tower Hamlets
Sylvie Chrzanowska	Wandsworth
Alf Kennedy	LNWA Treasurer
Jim Maddan	LNWA Chair

APOLOGIES

Brent
 Croydon
 Hammersmith & Fulham
 Haringey
 Havering
 Islington
 Kensington & Chelsea
 Lambeth
 Merton
 Redbridge
 Waltham Forest
 Westminster

NO RESPONSE

Barking & Dagenham
 Barnet
 Ealing (no SPOC)
 Enfield (no SPOC)
 Greenwich
 Harrow (no SPOC)
 Kingston (no clear SPOC)
 Lewisham
 Richmond (no SPOC)
 Southwark (no SPOC)
 Sutton
 Andy Bayes MPS
 Warwick Baldwin Media Group

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

These were accepted and approved.

3.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Jim Maddan)

3.1 Meetings

- The last year had been a year of consolidation in London.
- The LNWA Executive Committee had had regular meetings with the MPS and had another schedule or next week when they will be discussing borough NW Single Points of Contacts (SPOCS).
- Further meetings were scheduled with the Deputy Mayor of London, Richard Barnes who had responsibility for volunteering.

3.2 Home Office and NW

- Volunteering was the life blood of London and NW was a very valuable resource in the field of volunteering as it was the largest volunteer movement in the UK.
- NW was recognised by the Home Office (HO) as an integral part of the fight against crime and anti social behaviour (ASB)
- JM referred to being back at school and how the same person was always picked first for a team. He said it was the same for NW - the government now put NW first on the invitation list for crime and community issues.
- JM and his colleagues had been invited guests to conferences involving the Cabinet Office and the Community Crime Fighters (supported and driven by Louise Casey). LC was very dynamic and a great champion of NW and an opponent of stuffy bureaucrats. She was a fighter for communities.
- JJ advised that the CCFs were running a FOC two day course and when you had completed it you could apply for a grant of £1,000 for a specific borough project.
- More information was available on the Ministry of Justice website or by email to joe.turk@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk.

3.3 Emergency Planning

- LNWA was also involved with Emergency Planning and JM was part of group looking at

- Friday and Saturday night ASB involving young people.
 - JM was also part of another group looking at directly elected police authorities.
- 3.4 Anti Burglary Initiative - 'Real Help in Hard Times'**
- This HO launch was planned for next Tuesday.
 - There would be a conference on tackling crime in a period of recession.
 - There would be a fund of more than £20 million. More than £1 million would be diverted to NW. Some of this would be for specific local projects - targeted towards the elderly, students, meeting priority areas - determined by crime rates and demographics with target hardening a high priority. More than half would be directed to NW to enable delivery of the programme, improved communications, marketing initiatives, capacity building and a strategic review. This was good news for NW. Exact figures were not known yet. NW was making an impact and it was important to keep driving home the message with our local Borough Commanders and SNTs.
- 3.5 National Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network (NNHWN) and ACPO**
- As Chair of the LNWA JM represented London on this group.
 - There was a representative of each of the 10 Government Office areas. They met quarterly.
 - There was a parallel group made up of police officers from each of the 10 regions under Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) chairmanship.
 - It was significant that 10 years ago when Frank Whitely was made ACC of Northamptonshire, he was given the NW portfolio which was regarded as a lesser one. Three years ago he was made CC of Hertfordshire and he could have transferred the portfolio to a junior member of ACPO. He chose to keep it, such was his enthusiasm for NW.
 - The impact the NNHWN had created had been significant and although only running for 18 months to date, they were now right in the heart of government and having an impact on their thinking.
- 3.6 National Steering Group for Watch Issues**
- As Vice-Chair of NNHWN JM represented them on the above group, which was chaired by the Home Office and had representatives from ACPO, the fire service, LGA, APA.
- 3.7 Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs)**
- A meeting next month to look at the relationships between volunteer groups and Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) and how many boroughs were members of them.
 - JM would be contacting each borough to find out.
 - £50 thousand of the LAA funding went to CDRPs.
- 3.8 Borough Single Points of Contact (SPOCs)**
- If communication with our members and the community in general was to be effective, we needed to ensure that we did not waste our efforts.
 - It was essential that a SPOC was nominated to receive messages from the association and be in a position to pass the information on and vice versa. This was essential if we were to benefit from each other.
 - The real issue was that when an MPS SPOC was appointed they were often only there for a short time before moving on. Whilst NW was run by the watches and (borough associations where there was one) there was need for MPS involvement - particularly in the two way dissemination of important information. JM had written to ADC Tim Godwin asking for a meeting to discuss a number of initiatives including the establishment of generic email addresses e.g. 'boroughnamenw@met.police.uk'. This was important to overcome the problem of not knowing who the SPOC was - or even how you would spell their name.
- 3.9 The next steps**
- We had to work to extend NW into 'hard to reach groups' - young people, BME and deprived areas,
 - There was a lot to do, particularly in a time of recession. It was no surprise to JM that someone declared that acquisitive crime increased in times of recession. A local alarm company told him that they could not cope with the number of current enquiries.
 - We were on the verge of becoming a really important group and we had to get the message across. The British Crime Survey said that 75% of the population would join a NW if one existed in their area.
 - We must continue to get out there and spread the message - put pressure on the SNTs and make sure that our voice was heard on the CDRP.
 - The foundations had been laid. We had to build on what had been achieved.
 - One of LNWA's aims had always been to help the boroughs find ways to get support and funding - though LNWA would not ever be in the position of being able to provide funding directly.

3.0 **TREASURER'S REPORT (Alf Kennedy)**

- Copies of the Annual Accounts had been emailed to everyone in advance.
- LNWA was now £210.00 over drawn but AK had personally lent LNWA that amount to keep them from incurring bank charges.
- LNWA had been promised £500 from March for four months from MG. As yet the March money had not arrived.
- AF advised that a mailbox and a telephone number would be set up FOC to the LNWA for one year - funded by the Media Group.
- AF advised that none of the Executive Committee ever claimed expenses

4.0 **MEDIA GROUP (MG)**

In the absence of anyone from MG at the AGM, AK did a brief update:

4.1 **Website**

- AK explained the background of MG to LNWA. LNWA had a 10 year agreement with MG and we were about 5 years through that.
- A year ago MG offered £200 to any borough that signed up to the LNWA website and linked their own website in. Seven boroughs had taken this up so far.
- Both Hillingdon and Newham stated they were still waiting for their £200.
- If anything happened to MG in the recession then the national website would take over the LNWA website for us.

4.2 **London Secure Homes Magazine**

- The Secure Homes Magazine which was produced by MG had proved to be a nightmare in terms of distribution. The boroughs had no means to distribute such heavy items.
- MG agreed to deliver 2 million copies over a three year period. Deliveries split by postcode. However, they had reneged on that agreement and now would only deliver to areas that might take up the advertising in the magazines.
- AK advised that the magazine was fully funded by the advertising and the sole responsibility of MG. LNWA had allowed their name to be used but that was all. All advertising agreements were between the advertisers and MG.

5.0 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Bromely

TB said the police saw NW as another chore - not something positive
Their AGM would be on 22/04/09.

City of London

JB advised that there were a number of suitable venues for holding future meetings

Hackney

LT had found the police very uninterested in NW or volunteers. SC advised that the MPS was actually very supportive of its own Met civilian volunteers in Hackney and it might be worth her while getting in touch with the MVP Manager Richard Gillman to talk about how they could link in.

Hillingdon

BG advised that they had got lottery funding for their street signs
Newham

JJ got £4,000 from the MPS for street signs and window stickers

Redbridge

Had had a vibrant NW association but had lost its way whilst the SPOC was on maternity leave. JM would be going there to help revive it.

Tower Hamlets

LW said that her police were so supportive of NW

NW SOPs

JM advised that these were still under consideration as not all Borough Commanders would sign them off. Each borough was different in how it ran things.